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*Martin Luther King Jr.
Murkin*

WORK SHEET - XEROX REQUEST

ANALYST - *Harp*
EXT - *575*
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44-38861	3221 IC	MEMPHIS TIT		1	1												
	3221 OG	AT TO MEMPHIS		1	1												
	3222	TIT TO NEW ORLEANS		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3223	TIT TO LOS ANGELES		3	3				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3224	PHOENIX TIT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3225	CHICAGO TIT		2	2												
	3226	CLEVELAND AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3227	PITTSBURGH AT		1	1												
	3228	SAN FRANCISCO AT		2	2				✓	✓							<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3229	BERMINGHAM TIT		9	9				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3230	MEANE AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3231	MEMPHIS TIT		2	2												
	3232	LITTLE ROCK LETTER		3	3				✓	✓							
	3233	SAN FRANCISCO AT		1	1												
	3234	WASH AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3235	LOS ANGELES TIT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/64</i>
	3236	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1												

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	3238	MEMPHIS TIT		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3239	ATLANTA TIT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3240	ST. LOUIS TIT		1	1				/								
	3241	BOSTON AT		4	4				/								Open 6/4/74
	3242	SPRINGFIELD AT		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3243	DETROIT AT		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3244	DENVER LETTER		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3245	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3246	TAMPA TIT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3247	MOBILE TIT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3248	SEATTLE AT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3249	MIAMI TIT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3250	PITTSBURGH AT		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74
	3251	LEGAT MEXICO CITY AT		3	3				/	/							Open 6/4/74
	3252	BIRMINGHAM TIT		2	2				/								Open 6/4/74
	3253	DALLAS TIT		1	1				/								Open 6/4/74

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44-38861	3254	WASH TIT		5	5			1	1									Op. 6/9/04
	3255	CHICAGO TIT		2	2				1	1								Etc.
	3256	BIRMINGHAM TIT		5	5				1	1								Op. 6/9/04
	3257	MIAMI TIT		5	5				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3258	DALLAS AT		1	1				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3259	AT TO DENVER		1	1													
	3260	TIT TO ST LOUIS		2	2				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3261	CLEVELAND TIT		1	1				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3262	MIAMI TIT		4	4				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3263	CHARLOTTE TIT		3	3				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3264	CHICAGO TIT		1	1				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3265	ST LOUIS TIT		2	2				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3266	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1													
	3267	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		2	2													
	3268	CHARLOTTE TIT		3	3				1									Op. 6/9/04
	3269	MEMPHIS TIT		1	1													
	3270	LOS ANGELES TIT		6	6				1									

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	3272	ATLANTA TIT		3	3				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3273	KNOXVILLE TIT		3	3				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3274	SAN FRANCISCO TIT		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3275	KANSAS CITY TIT		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3276	AT TO ASTON		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3277	AT TO NEW YORK		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3278	AT TO CHARLOTTE		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3279	CHICAGO TIT		1	1				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3280	LEGAT MEXICO CITY AT		3	3				/	/							<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3281	AT TO BALTIMORE		2	2												
	3282	CG TO LEGAT, OTTAWA		1	1												
	3283	REPORT TO MEMPHIS		2	2												
	3284	MEMPHIS LETTER		2	2				/								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3285	SYDNEY TIT		1	1												
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	3288	KANSAS CITY AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open</i>
	3289	DALLAS AT		1	1												
	3290	LETTER FROM CITIZEN		1	1				✓								<i>Open</i>
	3290 OG	AT TO NEW BAVEN		1	1				✓								<i>Open</i>
	3291	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		3	3				✓	✓							<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3292	HOUSTON AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3293	AT TO LOS ANGELES		1	1												
	3294	ATLANTA AT		3	3				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3295	SAN FRANCISCO AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3296	BOSTON AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3297	DALLAS AT		1	1												
	3298	MOBILE AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3299	SEATTLE AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>
	3300	NEW ORLEANS TIT		2	2												
	3300 OG	AT TO NEW ORLEANS		1	1												
	3301	PHILADELPHIA AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/9/74</i>

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	3304	REPORT TO NEW YORK		2	2												
	3305	RICHMOND AT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3306	NEWARK TIT		1	1												
	3307	CHICAGO TIT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3308	MOBILE TIT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3309	ST. LOUIS TIT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3310	ST. LOUIS TIT		2	2												
	3311	ST. LOUIS TIT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3312	KANSAS CITY TIT		2	2				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3313	MEMPHIS TIT		1	1												
	3314	LOS ANGELES TIT		4	4				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3315	BOSTON AT		3	3				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3316	WASH. AT		1	1				✓								<i>Open 6/19/74</i>
	3317	CHICAGO TIT		1	1												
	3318	KANSAS CITY TIT		1	1				✓								

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	3320	CHICAGO TIT		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3321	MEMPHIS AT		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3322	TIT TO ATLANTA		1	1			/	/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3323	CG TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY		1	1			/	/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3324	NEW YORK AT		3	3				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3325	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3326	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3327	LAS VEGAS AT		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3328	KANSAS CITY AT		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3329 IC	PHOENIX AT		1	1		/	/	/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3329 OG	AT TO PHOENIX		1	1		/	/	/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3330	REPORT TO MEMPHIS		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3331	ATLANTA AT		2	2				/									<i>Op 6/9/04</i>
	3332	NEWARK REPORT		25	17				/	/								<i>Op 6/9/04</i>

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In response to your suggestion, the photograph of James Earl Ray furnished by Patricia Anderson, together with a suitable write up, will be published in the June, 1968, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

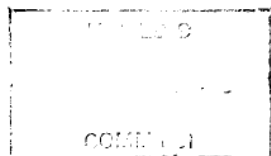
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop memorandum dated 5-9-68, re: "Murkin; CR."

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY, MEMPHIS, TENN., RETURNED
INDICTMENT MAY SEVEN INSTANT CHARGING JAMES EARL RAY WITH
MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. NO REQUEST MADE FOR TESTIMONY
BY FBI PERSONNEL.

INVESTIGATION AND ELIMINATION OF MISCELLANEOUS SUSPECTS
CONTINUES. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY
OF PUBLISHING THE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM
PATRICIA ANDERSON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "LAW ENFORCEMENT
BULLETIN."

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST, AND
NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS
ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE, LAST, RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE BOOTHS
IN RE EL PASO TELETYPE FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, MADE FROM
SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN EL PASO TO TWO EIGHT TWO
SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY FOUR AND MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, ARNOLD AND ISABELLE
THOMAS, NEGROES, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS,
WHO HAVE TELEPHONE TWO EIGHT TWO - SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE LISTED
TO THEM, WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS,

- 1 - ~~New Orleans~~
1 - Memphis
1 - Phoenix
1 - El Paso

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ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE COULD NOT RECALL ABOVE PHONE CALL, BUT STATED PERHAPS THEIR SON, ARNOLD THOMAS, JR., HAD MADE PHONE CALL. THOMAS, JR., RESIDES ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. DETERMINE IF HE MADE PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

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1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING AIR TRAVEL
CREDIT CARD AND TWO AIRLINE TICKETS. DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED
BETWEEN THE HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT
CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY. LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL
PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF CREDIT CARD AND
OTHER ITEMS SUBMITTED WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. AIRMAIL
COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, DENVER AND EL PASO.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
1 - Denver (157-203) - Airmail
1 - El Paso (- Airmail

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EX-116

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NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted
regarding the results of the examination
set out above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for hand-writing comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. 31088 dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by JOAN KEPP, United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

4 - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM)
1 - Denver (Info)
1 - El Paso (Info)
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - Los Angeles
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This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY:

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. KEPP took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked KEPP if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. KEPP and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Age	35 - 40 years
Hair	Dark or golden blond
Eyes	Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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DIRECTOR (AIRMAIL)
TO: OMAHA
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (QP)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

NEWARK BY TELETYPE MAY SIX LAST ADVISED THAT MR. AUSTIN VOLDRIDGE, FOUR FIVE ZERO KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETON, NEW JERSEY, CONTACTED THE NEWARK OFFICE STATING THAT ON HIS WAY TO WORK ON MAY ONE LAST HE HAD SEEN A MAN WHO WAS THE "SPITTING IMAGE" OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE CHEVROLET BEARING ARIZONA LICENSE ~~EITHER~~ JPA FOUR ZERO ONE OR JPA FOUR ZERO NINE AND THAT THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER OF THIS VEHICLE WAS CRUSHED NEAR THE HEADLIGHT.

JPA FOUR ZERO ONE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER IN ARIZONA OF LICENSE JPA FOUR ZERO NINE IS FOR FIFTYFIVE FORD FOUR DOOR SEDAN IN NAME RICHARD S. SNYDER FORMERLY OF TUCSON, WHO FILED WITH POST OFFICE FORWARDING ADDRESS AUGUST FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN OF GENERAL DELIVERY, CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, ZIP SIX NINE ZERO TWO TWO. EX-116 REC-69

OMAHA AT CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

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1 Memphis (AM)

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RICHARD S. SNYDER AND DETERMINE IF HE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT RAY AND IF HE NO LONGER HAS THIS LICENSE PLATE,
ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF SAME.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574), PHOENIX,
LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203) ALBUQUERQUE, AND EL PASO.
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY FOUR LAST REGARDING INTERVIEW
AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST CONCERNING
CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL
AS POSSIBLE LOOK A LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

FOLLOWING UAL FLIGHTS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
MAY SIX LAST RELATIVE TO TRAVEL OF CARL RAY, DENVER TO
LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES MAY ONE AND TWO LAST.

ONE SIX THREE BOTH DAYS, TWO FOUR ONE, MAY ONE, TWO
FOUR THREE, MAY TWO, THREE FIVE NINE, MAY ONE, EIGHT FIVE
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NO RECORD AVAILABLE FLIGHTS ONE SIX NINE AND EIGHT
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THE BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES NOTE UAL MAINTAINS NOR PREPARES PASSENGER MANIFEST AS SUCH. ONLY RECORD OF FLIGHT IS PORTION OF TICKET TAKEN FROM PASSENGER JUST PRIOR TO BOARDING AIRCRAFT. THESE FORWARDED UAL HEADQUARTERS DAILY WHERE THEY BECOME KEYPUNCHED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AND ARE SOMETIMES UNAVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR SIX OR SEVEN DAYS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-1987) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Cleveland 5/7/68.

Chief of Police DONALD COWEN, NA, Alliance, Ohio Police Department, advised on 5/8/68, that he is very familiar with ROBERT COMROY, who has contacted his Department repeatedly in the past with solutions to Alliance police cases. COWEN indicates that COMROY is a "nut" on criminal cases and is constantly supplying police agencies with erroneous information.

Mr. ELMER HUDSON, Pharmacist, Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised on 5/8/68, that he recalled a stranger coming into his drug store at approximately 8:30 P.M., on 5/7/68 and looking over the magazine rack. Since business was slow, he watched the stranger for several minutes and was of the opinion that this man was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY. HUDSON stated that he had seen RAY's picture in the local papers as well as on television and was positive that the man in his drug store was not identical to RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. BEATRICE WALTERS, subscriber to telephone #833-0744, was interviewed and advised that on 12/15/67, her mother, LILLIAN LINNERT, had attempted to contact her by telephone from Marathon, Texas. Her mother and father were on vacation at the time. She and her husband were not at home at the time of the call and the babysitter related the information to them. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen him before.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. LILLIAN LINNERT was contacted and verified the above information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *WJB* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel, 4/25/68, and Sacramento telephone call to San Francisco, 4/30/68.

The Sacramento Office advised on 4/30/68, that the California Highway Patrol had determined through their computer facilities, that the only vehicle recovered in the State of California subsequent to March 23, 1968 which was reported stolen from the State of Georgia was a 1964 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing Georgia license 2D9042. This vehicle was reported recovered by the Oakland, California Police Department on 3/27/68, Oakland file #68-17608, and was registered to HELEN B. WAAS, 610 Ponce de Leon Place, Decatur, Ga.

On May 2, 1968, Inspector RALPH CONDIT, Auto Theft Detail, Oakland, California Police Department, made available his file #68-17608 to SA ROBERT U. MANN. A review of this file reflects that GEORGE H. WAAS, male, residing at 1521 Third Avenue, Apt. 107, Oakland, California, reported the theft of the automobile bearing Georgia license 2D9042 which was registered to his mother, HELEN B. WAAS. This report reflects that GEORGE WAAS was a patient at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, and that the vehicle was parked at the main gate of the hospital while WAAS was undergoing treatment. WAAS reported that upon leaving the hospital, he discovered that the vehicle was stolen.

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Records of the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital reflect that GEORGE WAAS was admitted to the hospital on 2/10/68. He is presently a patient, is a seaman, serial number USN [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] in Tennessee.

In view of the fact that this vehicle was stolen in Oakland, California rather than in the State of Georgia, no additional investigation will be conducted.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 9 PAGES

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THOMAS BRITTON, HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA, REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH
CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY. BRITTON ADVISED HE WAS
RECEIVED IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY SEPTEMBER SIXTYFIVE, AND
AFTER PERIOD OF QUARANTINE, ASSIGNED TO "J" HALL DURING NOVEMBER
SIXTYFIVE. FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY, WHO WAS ALREADY
ASSIGNED TO J HALL, AS THE "WALK BOY". ADVISED RAY'S DUTIES AS
WALK BOY WERE TO TAKE ORDERS FOR CIGARETTES, CANDY, ETC., WHICH
COULD BE PURCHASED WITHIN PRISON, AND TO BRING HOT WATER TO PRISONERS.
SAID RAY ONLY WALK BOY IN J HALL AND THEREFORE WAS FREE
TO CONTACT ANY INMATES AND COULD MOVE THROUGHOUT HALL FREELY.

STATED FIRST CONVERSATION WITH RAY TOOK PLACE WHEN RAY OBSERVED
HIM READING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA POST HERALD NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE
HAD SUBSCRIPTION TO WHILE IN PRISON. RAY INQUIRED OF HIM IF HE
WAS FROM STATE OF ALABAMA AND SAID HE HAD VISITED OR STAYED IN
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AREA IN PAST AND MENTIONED SEVERAL TAVERNS

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LOCATED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, WHICH WERE KNOWN TO BRITTON. STATED RAY NEVER MENTIONED ANY ASSOCIATES, ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR EMPLOYMENTS, STATE OF ALABAMA. HE ADVISED CONVERSATION ENDED WITH RAY ASKING HIM IF HE COULD HAVE HIS BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPERS WHEN HE FINISHED READING THEM EACH DAY, WHICH WAS AGREEABLE TO BRITTON. BRITTON ADVISED THEREAFTER RAY CAME BY HIS CELL EACH EVENING AND PICK UP HIS NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE WOULD PLACE BETWEEN THE CELL BARS.

HE SAID RAY NEVER DISCUSSED HIS FAMILY, NOR DID HE EVER INDICATE FROM WHICH PART OF THE UNITED STATES HE CAME. HE BELIEVED RAY TO BE FROM THE SOUTH ONLY BECAUSE HE NEVER INDICATED WHERE HE WAS FROM, COUPLED WITH HIS INTEREST IN A SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER.

HE STATED HE PERSONALLY GAVE RAY HIS PRESENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ONE OCCASION, TELLING RAY TO STOP BY SOMETIME IF HE EVER GOT OUT OF PRISON AND THEY WOULD HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER. BRITTON SAID RAY DID NOT ASK HIM FOR HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THAT HE MERELY FURNISHED HIM THIS, KNOWING THAT HE WAS DOING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE AND MORE THAN LIKELY HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN SEE RAY AFTER HE LEFT PRISON. HE STATED WHEN HE GAVE

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RAY HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, RAY REPLIED, "DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I CALL YOU UP SOMETIME".

BRITTON SAID RAY WAS A VERY QUIET INDIVIDUAL, SOFT SPOKEN, NEVER LAUGHED OR ENJOYED A GOOD STORY, SOLEMN FACED, AND REMAINED TO HIMSELF MOST OF THE TIME. HE WOULD OFTEN SEE RAY IN THE PRISON YARD AND ON OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH RAY, BUT HE NEVER APPEARED INTERESTED, SO HE GAVE UP TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION.

THE ONLY TOPIC WHICH WOULD AROUSE RAY'S INTEREST WAS THE SUBJECT OF MONEY. HE STATED ON ONE OCCASION DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH RAY, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WAS GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY WHEN HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BY ROBBING BANKS, ETC. HE SAID RAY AT THIS TIME MADE THE STATEMENT, "I HAVE A PLAN AND WHEN I GET OUT, I AM GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY, AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ROBBING BANKS." HE ASKED RAY WHAT HIS PLAN WAS, TO WHICH RAY REPLIED, "THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE". BRITTON SAID HE THEN ASKED RAY WHAT THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION WAS, TO WHICH HE REPLIED, "I DON'T

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KNOW BUT I WILL FIND OUT." BRITTON SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME RAY EVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, NOR DID HE EVER AGAIN MENTION THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN HIS PRESENCE.

HE SAID RAY TOLD HIM HE ALWAYS WORKED ALONE AND THEREFORE LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT AND SAID, "I HAVE GOT A PLACE PICKED OUT WHERE I CAN HIDE", NEVER MENTIONING WHERE THE PLACE WAS LOCATED.

BRITTON STATED THERE WAS A PRISON CIGARETTE LOTTERY GOING ON ALMOST DAILY IN J HALL AND THAT RAY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS LOTTERY DELIVERING WAGERING TICKETS AS WELL AS PICKING THESE UP AND WOULD DELIVER THE WINNINGS EACH NIGHT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE LOTTERIES IN J HALL, RUN BY TWO INMATES, ONE NAMED JOHNNY VALENTI AND ANOTHER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ITALIAN, AGE FORTYTHREE TO FORTYSIX, DARK COMPLEXION, WITH GUN SHOT WOUND IN FACE, AND NICKNAME "DAGO".

HE SAID OTHER LOTTERY IN J HALL RUN BY INDIVIDUAL, NICKNAME "BOSTON", WHO WAS DOING TWENTY YEARS, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FORTYFIVE YEARS, VERY SHORT, AND OCCUPIED EITHER CELL TWENTY THREE, TWENTYFOUR OR TWENTYFIVE ON THE FLAG IN J HALL, MEANING FIRST FLOOR.

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HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE VALENTI'S ODDS, SO HE ALWAYS PLACED HIS WAGERS WITH "BOSTON". STATED RAY WOULD HANDLE WAGERS, SINCE HE COULD TALK TO ANYBODY IN CELL BLOCK AND WAS REIMBURSED BY VALENTI AND BOSTON FOR THIS SERVICE.

BRITTON ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO DOZEN LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN MSP WHICH CONSISTS OF FIVE SEPARATE HALLS HOUSING PRISONERS.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE NEVER SAW RAY RUN NARCOTICS OR HANDLE CONTRABAND AT ANY TIME AND ON ONE OCCASION, RAY SHOWED HIM HIS ARMS TO PROVE THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. HE ADDED THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED RAY WITH ANY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

BRITTON WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION², AND STATED THIS WAS A PROTECTOR AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. HE STATED THAT WHILE ENROUTE TO MSP, HE WAS LODGED IN THE COUNTY JAIL IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A PRISONER, FNU CRAIG, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A "FOUR TIME LOSER." HE SAID THAT CRAIG HAS A BROTHER WHO IS A DETECTIVE ON THE SPRINGFIELD, MO. PD. HE ADVISED THAT CRAIG HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME AT MSP AND WAS BEING RETURNED TO MSP. HE SAID WHEN CRAIG LEARNED HE ALSO WAS ENROUTE TO MSP,

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HE ADVISED HIM TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AT MSP SINCE HE WOULD NEED TO GET ALONG WITH PRISONERS AND BY BEING A MEMBER, HE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS". CRAIG ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD SETTLE ANY GRIEVANCES HE MAY HAVE AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS AND THAT THIS WAS A VERY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION AT MSP, HAVING INFLUENCE WITH GUARDS AND COULD EVEN ARRANGE "A MURDER."

BRITTON SAID AFTER QUARANTINE, HE SAW CRAIG, WHO WAS WORKING IN MESS HALL AT MSP. HE APPROACHED CRAIG AND TOLD HIM HE DESIRED TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AND GAVE HIM A TEN DOLLAR CANTEEN BOOK, POINTING OUT THAT MEMBERSHIP FEE TO JOIN WAS TEN DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD LAST AS LONG AS AN INDIVIDUAL WAS IN PRISON. CRAIG ADVISED BRITTON THAT HE WOULD GET HIM HIS MEMBERSHIP, AND THE SAME NIGHT, JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO HIS CELL AND SAID, "HERE IS YOUR CARD", AND NOTHING ELSE, AND THEREFORE HE ALWAYS FELT RAY WAS A MEMBER SINCE HE WAS SO TRUSTED. RAY NEVER SAID HE WAS A MEMBER, NOR DID HE ASK HIM.

HE SAID THIS MEMBERSHIP CARD WAS TYPE-WRITTEN WITH HIS NAME ON IT AND HAD THE HEADING THEREON "MEMBERSHIP, COOLEY'S CLUB". HE SAID THAT THIS CARD WAS LIKE A CREDIT CARD AND IT COULD GET A

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PERSON CREDIT OR PURCHASED OF CANDY, ETC., BUT COULD NOT BE USED FOR CREDIT WITH LOTTERIES.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE HAD TWO OR THREE DIFFERENCES WITH PRISONERS OVER WAGERS AND UPON GETTING NO SATISFACTION, HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED FNU CRAIG IN THE MESS HALL, AT WHICH TIME HE DISPLAYED HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD AND FILED HIS COMPLAINT WITH CRAIG. CRAIG INFORMED HIM THAT HE WOULD HANDLE THIS GRIEVANCE; HOWEVER, THE FEE FOR HANDLING A GRIEVANCE WAS FIFTY PERCENT OF WHAT WAS DUE A PRISONER. HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENTLY RAY APPEARED AT HIS CELL WITH HIS SHARE OF THE CIGARETTES COLLECTED FROM HIS GRIEVANCE.

HE ADDED THAT CRAIG WAS LATER TRANSFERRED FROM THE MESS HALL TO THE CHURCH FARM OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALL. HE SAID THAT PRIOR TO CRAIG'S DEPARTURE, CRAIG CONTACTED HIM AND INSTRUCTED HIM WHO TO SEE TO TAKE CARE OF FUTURE COMPLAINTS IN THE MESS HALL, BUT BRITTON WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY DESCRIPTION OR NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL SINCE HE NEVER FILED COMPLAINT WITH HIM AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE RENZ FARM LOCATED OUTSIDE THE PRISON.

HE ADDED THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WAS OPERATING WHEN HE ARRIVED AND WAS STILL DOING BUSINESS WHEN HE DEPARTED AND HE FELT THIS OPERATION HAD BEEN STARTED BY "OLD CONS WHO ARE NOW
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TRUSTIES AND WHO RESIDE IN A HALL WHICH IS TRUSTY BARRACK".

HE SAID THAT DURING THE TIME RAY WAS ASSIGNED TO J HALL, HE ATTEMPTED AN ESCAPE, WHICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND THEREAFTER HE NEEER SAW RAY AGAIN, SINCE RAY WAS NOT RETURNED TO J HALL AND HE WENT TO RENZ FARM.

BRITTON SAID THAT THE INMATES LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF HIS CELL IN J HALL, FNU SPRATT, CELL ONE EIGHTYSEVEN, AND GENE LNU, CELL ONE NINETY, ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND OVERPOWERED GUARD, TAKING GUARD'S UNIFORM, THEN MADE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE. ADVISED THAT INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO OCCUPIED CELL ONE EIGHTY NINE, WAS LOTTERY PLAYER AND THAT POSSIBLY INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, NICKNAME "COWBOY", HOLDING TENDER IN CHARGE OF CONVICTS J HALL, COULD POSSIBLY FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY AND THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INMATES FNU CRAIG, FNU SPRATT, GENE LNU, "COWBOY", "BOSTON", "DAGO", ALL INMATES J HALL, AND DESCRIBED ABOVE. WILL INTERVIEW EACH INMATE CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND IF NO LONGER INCARCERATED, OBTAIN ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED. PROTECT IDENTITY OF BRITTON WHEN INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AND IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM, DURING INTERVIEW WITH BRITTON, INFORMED HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT STATED. HE APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT INTERESTED; HOWEVER STATED NOT INTERESTED IN POSTED REWARD BECAUSE HE FEARED "COOLEY ORGANIZATION IF IT WERE CLAIMED.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH BRITTON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH FACT RAY MAY ATTEMPT CONTACT. BIRMINGHAM OBTAINING TOOL CALLS ON BRITTON'S TELEPHONE AND WILL INTERVIEW BRITTON'S WIFE THIS DATE. TAVERNS MENTIONED BY RAY AS HAVING BEEN FREQUENTED BY RAY IN THE PAST BEING CONTACTED. NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO VERIFY NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION AS THIS WOULD ALERT PRESS. JAMES BROWN EX-CONVICT BEING REINTERVIEWED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, and long distance phone calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth various long distance telephone calls made from each public telephone on Interstate 10 between 12/15-17/67. One of these long distance calls was made from a telephone at Vidor, Texas, telephone #769-9108 to Immokalee, Fla., telephone #813-657-3181.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERNEST HARRISON, JR., at Immokalee, Fla., on 5/7/68:

Mr. CHARLES MARKLE, Foreman, H. L. Hunt Packing Co., telephone 657-3181, advised he has never heard of Vidor, Texas, and does not recall receiving a telephone call from there on 12/15/67, and has no way of checking such a call to determine the identity of the caller. He stated he was lining up a crew in and around McAllen and Farr, Texas during the middle of December, 1967, and it is possible that a business call was made in that regard, but he does not recall it.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the Miami Division in efforts to identify the caller in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SACRAMENTO 100-427
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND
SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST.

RE: POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF SUBJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION MADE IN RE ATLANTA AIRTEL HAD
MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND WHILE IN
PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION
TO DATE INTO RAY'S BACKGROUND HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFOR-
MATION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER BEEN CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTI-
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